



The Lettered Edge



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This is the 4th issue of the LETTERED EDGE, and the first since Spring, 1979. Our editor, Dr. Bob Stark, is on a year sabbatical from the University of Delaware. I thought that he would have some extra time to devote to us, but it has not worked out that way. He has been in great demand, and is home only days at a time. At the moment he is in Venezuela.

I have asked several members to write notes, articles, or letters for publication, but have seen none. Saw Jack Collins and discussed his work on the 1794 dollars. He now knows of slightly over a hundred of them, and more are turning up. Not bad for an issue of 1758 pieces.

Dropped in on Frank Stirling in Baton Rouge, and had a very nice visit. Among other things, we discussed the so called 1795 B18, obverse of B13 and reverse of B5, 6, and 12. I claim that the B13 is an early state of B6, so the combination is really the early B6, and the B6 we know would become B6a. Frank had not been in agreement on this, but when we talked about it, he told me that Emanuel Taylor had said the same thing many years ago, and that he, Frank, was ready to agree.

I have also seen or heard from Pete Anderson, Don Eastburn, John Snyder, Bob Hilt, Roland Willasch, Jim Matthews, and several other members. Most have the same story to report, higher prices and less material available. Found a dealer with several bust dollars at a show near Philadelphia. He offered the Spies 1797 B2, Lot 35. It is listed as obverse fine, reverse good to very good. The price was high.

The other bit of news is the release of the third edition of Bolender's THE UNITED STATES EARLY SILVER DOLLARS FROM 1794 to 1803, by Krause Publications, Inc., Iola, Wis. It is a copy of the original book, with the addition of 7 varieties, 1795 B18, B19, and B20, 1796 B6, and 1798 B32 and B33. Footnotes question the existence of several varieties, including 1795 B17, 1796 B3, 1800 B18, and 1803 B2.

The 1795 added is not the one previously mentioned. This is the obverse of B7 with a new reverse having 8 berries on the left and 11 right. B19 is obverse B2, reverse B7. B20 is obverse B7, reverse B8.

Through an arrangement with Chet Krause, members of the Bust Dollar Club may purchase the new Bolender for \$17.50, instead of the \$24.50 regular price. Any profit resulting from sales made in this manner to Club members wukk gi ti the Bust Dollar Club treasury. Checks should be sent to

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I hope that Bob Stark will return to work soon, and be able to get out a regular edition. Meanwhile, how about some letters for publication, articles, questions, comments, etc. Write.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jules Reiver". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large loop at the end of the last name.